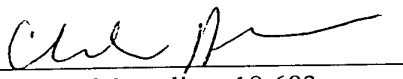


REMARKS

The present amendment is being made in order to simplify the issues in the prosecution of the present application. The Examiner in the advisory action objected to the expression "by antiplatelet aggregating activity". This has been deleted as being superfluous in order to reduce the issued involved.

There was an RCE filed on December 9, 2002 and Applicants request that the Examiner now act on the application.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIM 8 SHOWING CHANGES MADE

Claim 8 (thrice amended) A method of preventing the arterial thrombotic complications associated with atherosclerosis in warm-blooded animals comprising administering to warm-blooded animals in need thereof an effective amount of a ketolide or its non-toxic, pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts sufficient to prevent arterial thrombotic complications associated with atherosclerosis in warm-blooded animals [by antiplatelet aggregating activity].

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